



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

Health Protection Conference Room
570 E Woodrow Wilson Ave Jackson MS

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council was held October 22, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Mississippi State Department of Health Central Campus, Osborne Auditorium. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. (Avara/Gamble)

Howard reported on behalf of ST Elevation MI Committee.

- Earlier this month, the Mississippi Healthcare Alliance had a booth at the MEMS conference to support and educate EMS.
- Presented update for the program on the STEMI and Stroke Healthcare Alliance systems of care for the EMS folks.
- The EKG course for paramedics for STEMI recognition/alerts is being deployed. Mark Galtelli is coordinator.
- Working on having every PCI hospital sign an agreement form with ACC and CDR so that the Department of Health will be the owner of the Action Registry, get the guidelines reports. Heretofore, they've been blinded for the Alliance.

Dillard reported on behalf of EMS for Children Grant Program.

- Sponsored a pediatric symposium as a part of the MEMS conference that was held earlier this month.
- Sponsored a pediatric-specific training offered out at the Fire Academy for EMS personnel, related to pediatric stabilization of critically ill children. We had a half-day of lecture and a half-day of high-fidelity simulation out there.
- Working to augment membership to include wide range of people from the Hospital Association, EMS personnel, and physician groups around the state as EMSC begins to think and discuss the possibility of organizing some sort of system for pediatric care in the state.

Avara reported on behalf of Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee.

- Informed that the Department of Health has rearranged Emergency Preparedness and Response so there is now an EMS Bureau and an Acute Systems of Care Bureau.
- Discussed ongoing Corrective Action Plan that MTAC has inherited from the PEER evaluations over the past couple of years.

Galli reported on behalf of Medical Direction Training and Quality Assurance Committee/EMS PI Committee.

- Report on Ebola Readiness for Mississippi EMS.
- Working with the Alliance to work up some PI studies, some potential PI studies, about being able to report what EMS is doing and what the hospitals are doing in terms of both stroke and STEMI.
- Discussed GCS and doing motor only. The literature is pretty paltry. Did find one study that MDTQA is still reviewing.
- Discussed tourniquets. One member, in particular, was concerned about services that are still using either elastic tourniquets or blood pressure cuffs and how those are truly inadequate to be able to get good blood control. Conducting survey to determine how many services are using commercial devices.

Deschamp reported on behalf of EMS Functionality Subcommittee.

- Discussed integrated healthcare community paramedic program.
- Working on development of format and curriculum for Rules and Regulations to work with developing program.
- Critical care Paramedic
 - Adjusted original program with improvements.
 - Going well by all accounts.
 - Provided orientations program for all of the community college program directors, to kind of give them advice and direction on how to start a critical care program.

Wilson reported on behalf of EMS Rules and Regulations Subcommittee

- No Report.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M. (Gamble/Avara)

Present:

Rick Carlton, M.D., Chairman

William T. Avara, III, M.D.

Clyde Deschamp, Ph.D.

Douglas Higginbotham

Hugh Gamble, M.D.

Mark Galtelli

Alton Shaw

William Bassett

Amber Kyle

Debbie Berry

Walter Grace

Amanda Fontaine

Janie Clanton